GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:44
ANSWERED ON:04.12.2003
REFINING CAPACITY OF CRUDE OIL
NAWAL KISHORE RAI;SUSHIL KUMAR INDORA

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the installed capacity of refining crude oil in the country exceeds the requirement of petroleum products;

(b) if so, the exact position as on 31st March, 2003;

(c) whether LPG is imported to meet the requirement in the country;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Government have formulated any time bound plan to become self reliant by augmenting LPG production in the country; and

(f) if so, the details of the said plan?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.44 BY DR. S
KUMAR INDORA AND SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI TO BE ANSWERED ON 4TH DECEMBER, 2003 REGARDING RE
CAPACITY OF CRUDE OIL

(a) to (f): As against the overall consumption of 104.126 million metric tonne (MMT) of petroleum products in the country during 2002-03, the total installed refining capacity, as on 31st March 2003, was 116.97 MMT per annum. The country presently imports LPG to meet part of the domestic requirement. 1.073 MMT of LPG was imported during 2002-03 as the domestic production of LPG was less than the total LPG requirement of 8.351 MMT of the country during the year.The setting up/expansion of refineries has been delicensed since June 1998. The ongoing expansion of some of the existing refineries is expected to increase LPG production in the country.